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ALASKA: ANARCHY and SOLIDARITY

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We know of a dozen anarchists scattered across Alaska. We are all involved in many different projects, but we seldom cross eachother's path...Alaska has got a lot of elbow room. So, three of us here in Juneau decided to start up a correspondence group. Here we are. Where are you? Drop us a line:

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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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Our Purpose

We come not with the blaring of trumpet,  
To herald the birth of a king;  
We come not with traditional story,  
The life of a savior to sing.

We come not with jests for the silly,  
We come, not to worship the strong,  
But to question the powers that govern,  
To point out a world old wrong.

To kiss from the starved lips of childhood  
The lies that are sapping its breath,  
And brighten the brief cheerless valley  
That leads to the darkness of death;

With reason and sympathy blended,  
And a hope that all mankind can see,  
Untrammelled by Creed, Law or Custom --  
The Attainable Goal of the Free.

-- Mary Hansen

Alaska is fat on the blood of oil, devouring human flesh to maintain its life-style. A bloated belly and groovy media have pole-axed Alaskan conscience. The apathy of affluence. We have the highest standard of living in the world and we owe that standard of living to a government and corporations starving children in Salvador and gunning down refugees in South Africa. That's the price we pay for imported coffee and diamond rings -- a shoddy conscience.

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Pierre van Passen:

"You will be sitting on top of a pile of ruins even if you are victorious."

Buenaventura Durruti:

"We have always lived in slums and holes in the wall. We will know how to accommodate ourselves for a time. For, you must not forget that we can also build these palaces and cities, here in Spain and in America and everywhere. We, the workers. We can build others to take their place. And better ones. We are not in the least afraid of ruins. We are going to inherit the earth. There is not the slightest doubt about that. The bourgeoisie might blast and ruin its own world before it leaves the stage of history. We carry a new world here, in our hearts, and that world is growing in this minute."

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"Life has its material and spiritual aspects, but however much we try we can never find absolute truth."

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A practical scheme, says Oscar Wilde, is either one already in existence, or a scheme that could be carried out under the existing conditions. But it is exactly the existing conditions that one objects to, and any scheme that could accept these conditions is wrong and foolish. The true

criterion of the practical, therefore, is not whether the latter can keep intact the wrong or foolish; rather is it whether the scheme has vitality enough to leave the stagnant waters of the old, and build, as well as sustain, new life. In the light of this conception, Anarchism is indeed practical. More than any other idea, it is helping to do away with the wrong and foolish; more than any other idea, it is building and sustaining new life.

--Emma Goldman

Our freedom depends upon our adaptability and our responsibility to eachother.

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--Cat Campbell

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Within the house of anarchism there are many mansions: Anarcho--femminism, syndicalism, communism, punk, individualism...I have even heard of anarcho-mysticism.

--Practical  
Anarchy

How is this all brought to be?--Well, how does wheat become bread or beer? You make it happen yourself.

Ruth said, "That's the great thing about being an anarchist -- we can have our revolution now. It starts with our own self in our own life. Here and Now. And you can always tell an anarchist without talking politics -- anarchists will share whatever they have at any time. That sharing and concern is the basis of the Revolution."

Marx merely paraphrased the anarchist writer, Proudhon, when he said "from each according to their means to each according to their needs." You do what you can. Starting now. That is what is called Direct Action. Direct Action is the key to the lock of revolution, but it takes Solidarity to turn that key.

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I saw men go out in Paterson without shoes, in the middle of winter and with bags on their feet. I went into a family to have a picture taken of a mother with eight children who didn't have a crust of bread, didn't have a bowl of milk for the baby in the house, --but the father was out on the picket line. Others were just as bad off. Thousands of them that we never heard of at all. This was the

difficulty that the workers had to contend with in Paterson: hunger gnawing at their vitals; hunger tearing them down; and still they had the courage to fight it out for six months.

--Elizabeth Gurley  
Flynn

There is a notion current in Alaska that anarchists are all violently rugged individualists -- opposed to working together collectively towards a common goal. This is not true. Although some anarchists are "Individualists", many other anarchists do work together in self-organized, large-scale industry and neighborhood associations. These associations, in their turn, co-operate together in federations. "Federation" is an anarchist way of organization. Perhaps the largest self-organization that anarchists have achieved is in Spain. Their organization was set back by the state capitalists and the state socialists during the Spanish Civil War (1936), but since Franco's long awaited death, their organization is on the move again.



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Thou art the grisly terror of our age.  
"Wreck of all order," cry the multitude,  
"Art thou, and war and murder's endless rage."  
O, let them cry. To them that ne'er have striven  
The truth that lies behind a word to find,  
To them the word's right meaning was not given.  
They shall continue blind among the blind.  
But thou, O word, so clear, so strong, so pure,  
Thou sayest all which I for goal have taken.  
I give thee to the future! Thine secure  
When each at least unto himself shall waken.  
Comes it in sunshine? In the tempest's thrill?  
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I am an Anarchist! Wherefore I will  
Not rule, and also ruled I will not be.

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#### THE REVOLUTION STARTS NOW

For ourselves...well, let's see...

Last month we helped sponser a music tour thru Southeast Alaska and the Yukon Territory for Utah Phillips, the anarchist/Wobbly folk-singer and raconteur. Damn good show. The Juneau/Douglas Industrial Workers of the World co-sponsered the soiree with us.

Last Fall, we joined a coalition called Juneau Third World Perspective (J3WP). Our first event was a weekend of films, food,

literature and a dance centering on current events in Nicaragua and El Salvador. J3WP raised more than just people's consciousness; we managed to raise \$1200 for CISPES and SHARE for relief work in Central America.

In Salvador, death still patrols.  
The blood of dead peasants  
has not dried, time does not dry it,  
rain does not erase it from the roads.  
Fifteen hundred were machine-gunned.  
Martinez was the assassin's name.  
Since then a bloody flavor soaks  
the land, the bread and wine in Salvador.

--Pablo Neruda

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What do you think about forming a network of mutual aid? Share this newsletter with others (make copies and pass'em around, if you like). Send us a name, address phone number, etc. Mention whether you want yourself published as a contact or if we should lock it up in our CIA/JPD/KGB-proof jelly jar. That way we can meet eachother when travelling thru eachother's communities. Write us about

what you're doing and what you'd like to be doing; maybe we can help each other in mutual aid. Write anonymously, if you like. Send us clippings of articles and news that you would like to share. We plan on xeroxing 50 copies of this newsletter. At 10¢ per page that = \$5/page. If you can spare it for whatever you send in, it would be appreciated. We only suggest the name Alaska Anarchist Federation (A @ F) so that our acronym wouldn't confuse us with the A F A (Alaska Fisherman's Association)...mutually embarrassing, eh...the FBI fireaxing Roger Painters' editorial office! What other names can you cook up?

## The 'true' story of the A in a circle

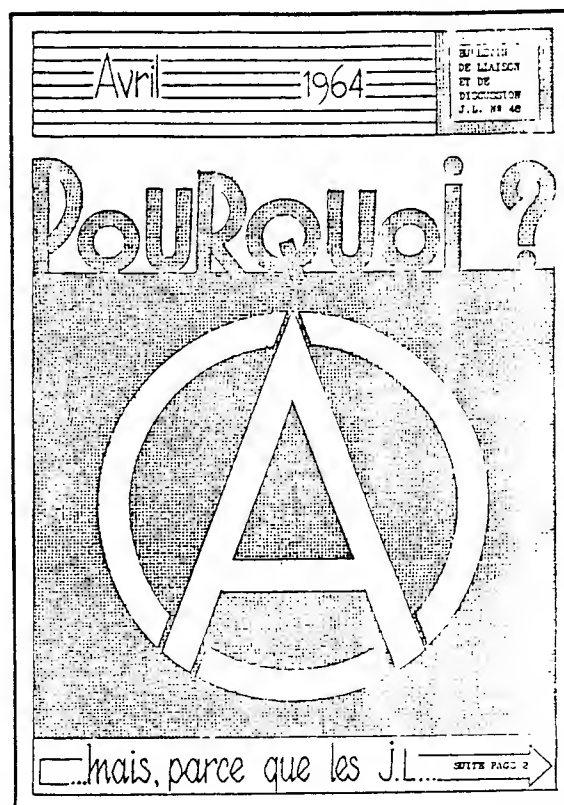
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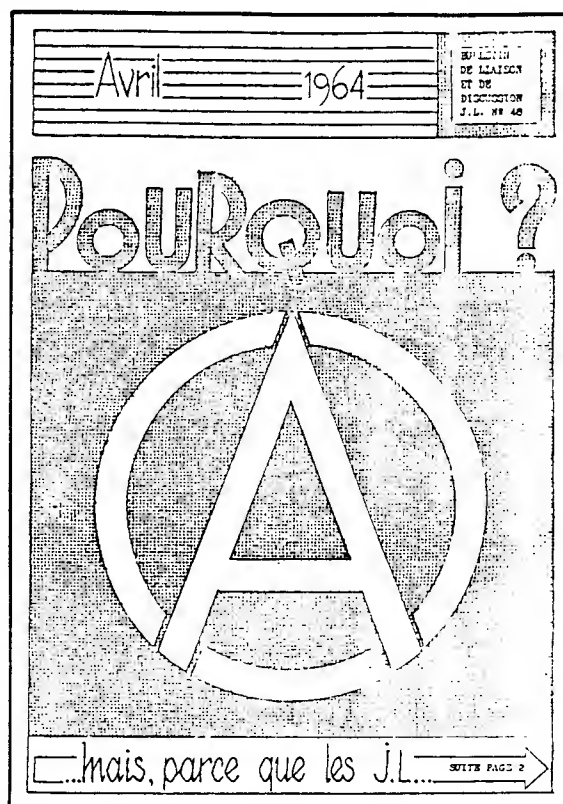
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There is only one thing in the world more wicked than the desire to command; and that is the will to obey.

In the Warsaw ghetto in 1942  
they came each day to take away  
first the young  
then the old  
the weak and sick  
then the poor  
they came for the factory workers  
and said they would spare munitions workers  
then they took the munition workers  
they carted off the communists  
but said that the Jewish police were safe  
then they shot the police  
if you are still alive, what will you do.  
I am still alive, what will I do.

In Seattle in 1980  
will they come for me  
if I light candles on Shabbos  
if I hold a woman's hand in the wrong  
neighborhood  
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# FEMINISM:

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Of course many feminists recognise this and try to get round it by claiming that women's demands, if implemented, would revolutionise society. They say that once a deep and thorough-going realignment of the sexes takes place, once the psychological barriers which divide men from women are removed, society in its present form would be radically altered. Patriarchy, so the argument runs, is the source of oppression, preceding the development of classes and capitalism; and the consequence of its demise would be a free and equal society.

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Of course it is true that within the women's movement there are those women who call themselves revolutionaries, whose rationale appears to be that they recognise that women will never achieve anything other than a superficial equality unless society undergoes a revolutionary change. They say however that they prefer to work with women



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For the reasons I've given I don't believe that feminism was ever 'armed' in the sense that it ever provided a revolutionary challenge to the state. But is it also 'introverted' and 'indulgent'? Briefly then:

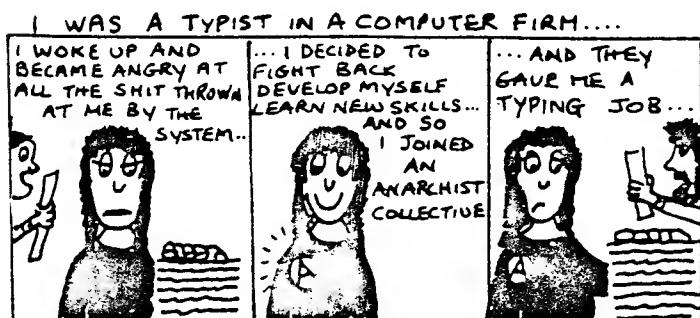
A glance at some of the feminist fiction around is, I think, fair indication of the concerns of the women's movement. Ack, say, Marge Piercy's books, *Woman on the Edge of Time* and *Vida*. It seems odd that feminists who are allegedly concerned with destroying the current sexual stereotypes are setting up new ones, and have books full of 'beautiful' people. Piercy's heroines are all very physically attractive — to men. Moreover the men themselves conform to the same old model: handsome, strong and athletic. Indeed in *Vida* it is the slightly feminine man who betrays the heroine.

Also, for some ridiculous reason, cats play an important role — they supposedly represent the female image. Is that supposed to be soft and fluffy? While dogs are despised, the reason for which I haven't quite grasped, but apparently dogs are more masculine.

I think that this type of fiction which reflects feminist issues shows them to be introverted and indulgent in the same way as conferences on orgasm are. By all means talk about these things with your friends, male and female — or with strangers if you will. But don't try to give them a political expression or use them as examples of political oppression of women by men.

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## THE REPLY...

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Before I go on to look at whether feminism can be described as disarmed, etc, I'll have to define what I mean by feminism.

Anarchists have always used the slogan 'Smash what oppresses you'. This isn't just meant to encourage people to fight back, it's also intended to get people to identify the sources of their own personal exploitation. I would define feminism as being the set of ideas that identifies and fights the exploitation of women.

The trouble is I know that not everyone here believes that women are exploited and some of the people who do think women are exploited don't think that feminism is necessary to sort it out. I think it's important for me to answer these points first.

Are women exploited? Class struggle theories tell me I'm oppressed as a worker. The economic system uses my labour and pays me back a fraction of its real value. It fixes markets, determines demand and supply. It can only do so because it has dispossessed me of the means of production. This, I am told, is the source of all my oppression.

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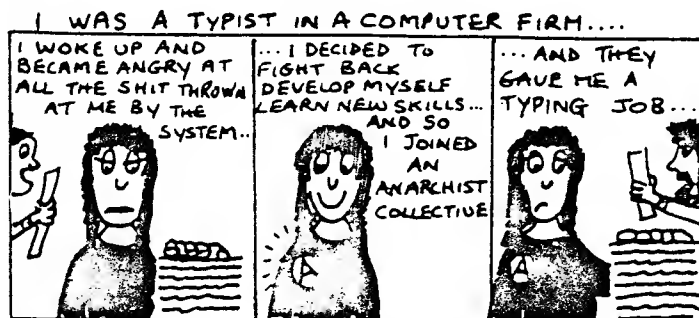
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What about local anarchists then? While the women are out protesting, both of us are here in Wapping participating in debates on feminism. It seems to me that if any group of people can be accused of being disarmed, self-indulgent and introverted, it's us. Anarchists.

I only bring this up for one reason. To point out that it's ridiculous to analyse a set of ideas only to end up rejecting its proponents. But it seems to me this is exactly what this motion is trying to do. 'Disarmed', 'indulgent', 'introverted' — they're not adjectives you'd normally apply to ideas. They're words you'd normally apply to people.

Well, if you like, I could give a critique of *Guardian* Women's Page readers, of separatists, or of party-building feminists as well as the next anarchist. But I am not interested in the failings of feminists, I am interested in the potential of feminism.

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Secondly, as anarchists we believe that only the oppressed can fight their own oppressors. That's why our slogan is 'smash what oppresses you' — not 'vote for us and we'll get rid of what oppresses you'. I think the reason why some anarchists deny the existence of the women's struggle is because it creates uncomfortable problems. If we're going to be consistent we have to accept that women have to fight for themselves and that at least part of that struggle will be directed against men in general, not just against leaders.

I think my third reason for believing we need feminism is probably the most important. The 'reclaim the night' marches; the action of women against films making profits out of violence to women; the protests about the curfews imposed in the north during the search for the Yorkshire Ripper; the campaigns to release women in prison for murdering husbands who battered them — all of these have been angry, assertive protests, bringing women together in a way anarchism has failed to do. And this brings me back to answering the motion, because it's being suggested that feminism, not anarchism, is introverted and disarmed.



I find this quite ironic. If I had thought about it for a long time I couldn't have come up with two better adjectives to describe the condition of women in this society.

What is more likely to make someone introverted than the way women are conditioned to be dependent, home-based people, sacrificing themselves to a man and a family? Women aren't expected to think; they're supposed to be irrational when they do, they are ridiculed when they show anger or try to fight back. A lifetime of expecting no-one to take your problems seriously is disarming. And if you are isolated at home you're unlikely to find out that other women share your frustration and desire to fight back.

For many women, feminism represents their first contact with revolutionary ideas and more important their first contact with people who will help them overcome their tendency to be introverted and disarmed. Not all of those who call themselves feminists achieve this. But a lot do. And if all feminism was about the strengthening of individual women, I would argue that it is neither introverted nor disarmed.

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accept that you can judge ideas just by-looking at the people who claim to support them. The point is that to achieve the liberation of women there has to be revolution and any set of ideas which leads to this conclusion is the opposite of being disarmed.

Feminism isn't introverted either. It is true that it is centered on only one aspect of the struggle. But then so are class struggle theories. The point is that only women can win this aspect — because men are part of the problem — and neither class nor sex struggles can succeed in isolation from each other. Class struggle anarchists are always pointing to the Spanish example, but I've never heard them refer to the fact that the Spanish women felt the need for their own groups even at the height of the revolution. Or to the fact that the women had to work hard to be accepted as being an important part of the fight. The existence of feminism will force these issues into the open now and in the future. I don't think that's being introverted.

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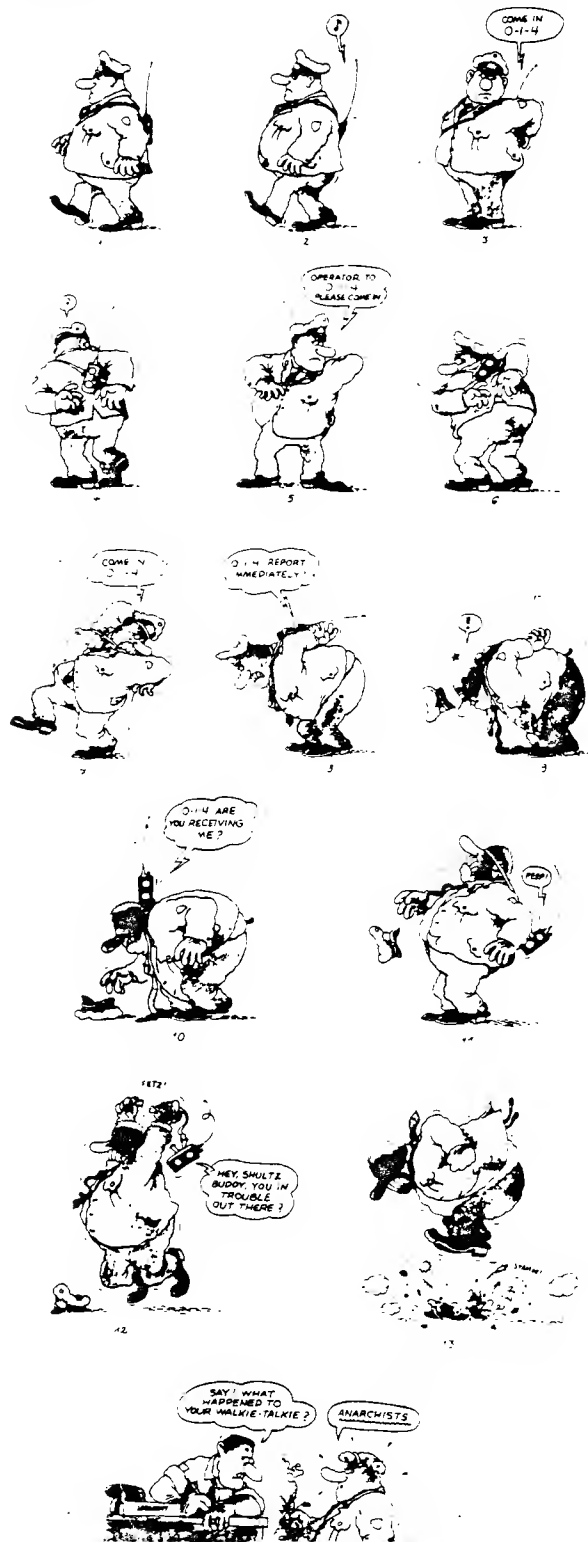
Jose reads journals that few of us have access to. He plans to reprint articles of concern to workers on the water -- marine safety, maritime labor relations and legislation. He gathers interviews conducted with officials and bureaucrats about alternatives for the Alaska Marine Highway, including the concept of the workers taking over the system as a worker owned and operated industry. He even got his hands on the memos of a confidential conference between lawyers, legislators and labor bosses discussing the fate of the ferry system: our public servants shooting the rapids in our canoe. Watch for the first edition.

## Libertarian Film Society

Many excellent films have been hidden from us by a state and capitalist controlled media. It is difficult to obtain many of these libertarian film classics. Jose is setting up a system that will be unique in North America. He will contract with anarchist film producers for distribution rights. He will arrange for the subtitling of those foreign language films that have not yet been translated. These films will then be promoted by Jose's Libertarian Film Society. Below is a review of one of these films -- Rebellion In Patagonia.

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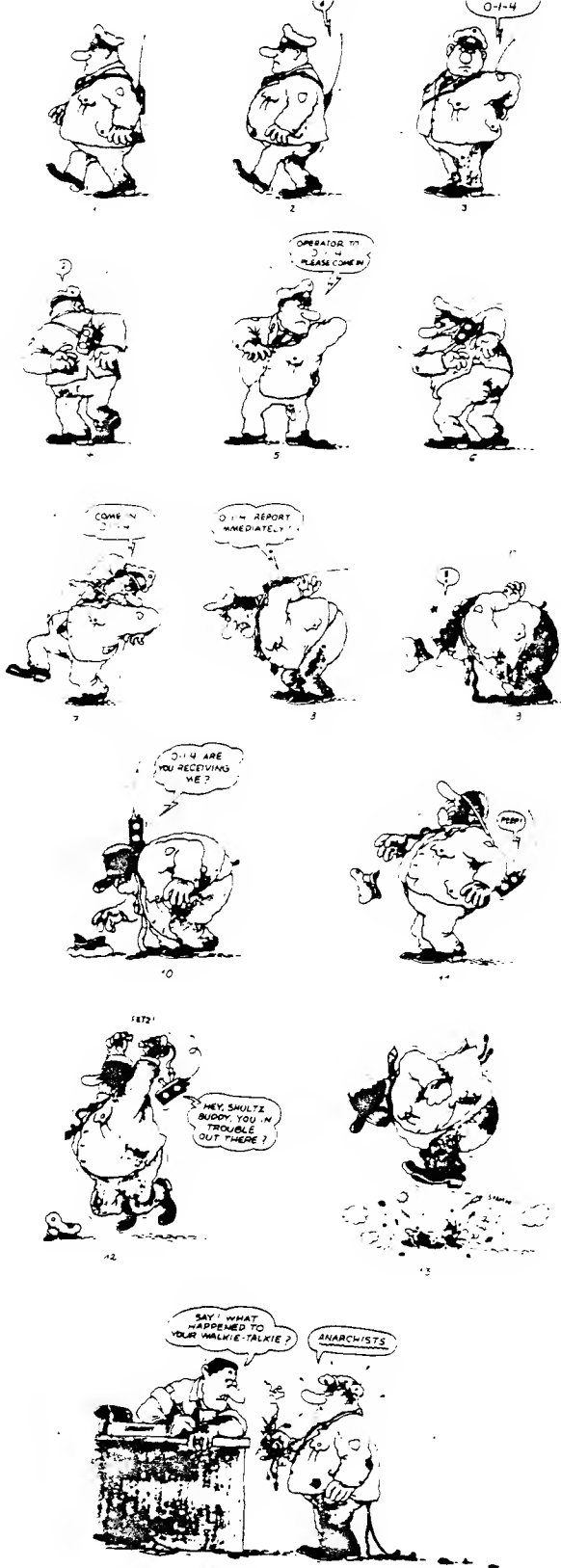
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from Anarchy Comix No 2

# 'Patagonia' vividly recreates insurrection

By F. Meggon

**Rebellion in Patagonia** is an exceptional full-length feature film about anarchism as a revolutionary movement. Set in the early Twenties amongst the anarcho-syndicalist-influenced rural proletariat of southern Argentina, **Rebellion in Patagonia** clearly portrays the ideas and methods of the anarchists while carefully unfolding a dramatic story of contemporary political significance.

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Killer of Patagonia. Olivera exposes the socio-political forces which turn Varela, who appears, at one point, to be the peoples' friend and saviour, into their mortal enemy. The implications for Peron's Argentina were obvious.

## Anarchist Attentat

**Rebellion in Patagonia** opens with the assassination of Varela by the anarchist worker Kurt Wilckens on January 27, 1923. It is a classic attentat. The story then flashes back to the struggle for workers in Patagonia for a minimum wage and decent working conditions. This struggle which took place in 1920-21 was organized by anarcho-syndicalist groups who were the main force in the Argentine labour movement of the day. A general strike called



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which quickly escalates into a full-scale uprising. This time the Colonel, in the pocket of the national bourgeoisie, ruthlessly suppresses the popular movement and massacres two thousand workers in the process.

Using a spartan, almost expository style, director Olivera systematically outlines these events in a masterpiece of cinematic reporting. He presents anarchism with all its beauty and blemishes. Each aspect of the anarchists' organizational methods: the meetings, solidarity, songs, direct action during strikes, propaganda plays, the printing press, the tireless and selfless emissaries, collective decision making, the attentat, are all explored in the human dimensions.

## Ordinary People

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The interplay between the various factions of the anarchist movement (philosophers, guerrillas, syndicalists, etc.) is complex, yet the viewer feels directly the humanity and even the nobility of all these working people who are prepared to sacrifice their lives for the idea. The Old Timer talks too much, the anarcho-syndicalists often have too much trust in their enemies, and the undisciplined actions of the anarcho-guerrilla "Red Council" often makes them indistinguishable from agent provocateurs and bandits. The anarchists, although often acting heroically, are not heroes but ordinary people, with the faults of ordinary people, yet they represent the hopes and striving of all humanity for a world of social justice and freedom.

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Every anti-authoritarian group that can get an audience together is encouraged to sponsor a showing of **Rebellion in Patagonia**. It is being distributed by the Argentine Information and Service Centre: P.O. Box 4388, Berkeley, Ca. 94704, or on the East Coast 339 Lafayette, N.Y., N.Y. 10012. It is relatively expensive (\$250 for public showings, \$150 for classrooms, and \$75 for small groups) but well worth it.

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An ex-fishing partner of mine raged one nite in Pelican about Japanese longliners in the Gulf of Alaska. Our conversation got around to the Japanese workers, their unions and struggles. "Shit, they're all just company and government dupes." He snarled. Here's the latest press release from the Libertarian Press Service -- a rebuttal to that



fishy bilge of yellow peril--yellow journalism--and--yellow unions:

# JAPAN

The Japanese anarcho-syndicalist movement is growing in spite of the widespread repressions of the Japanese Security Police. When a branch of the Sanitation Workers Union in the province of Saitama (near Tokyo) in collaboration with our comrades went on strike, the Security Police violently tried to break the strike by arresting many of our comrades. The police even raided the home of one of our comrades, confiscating membership records and wrecking furniture and installations. Even our sympathizers are receiving death threats from the fascist right-wingers. But the struggle goes on.

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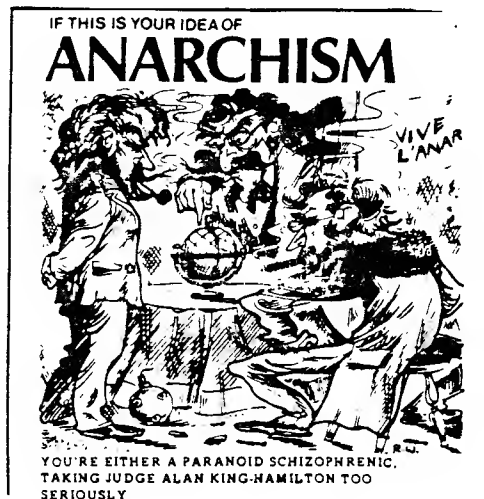
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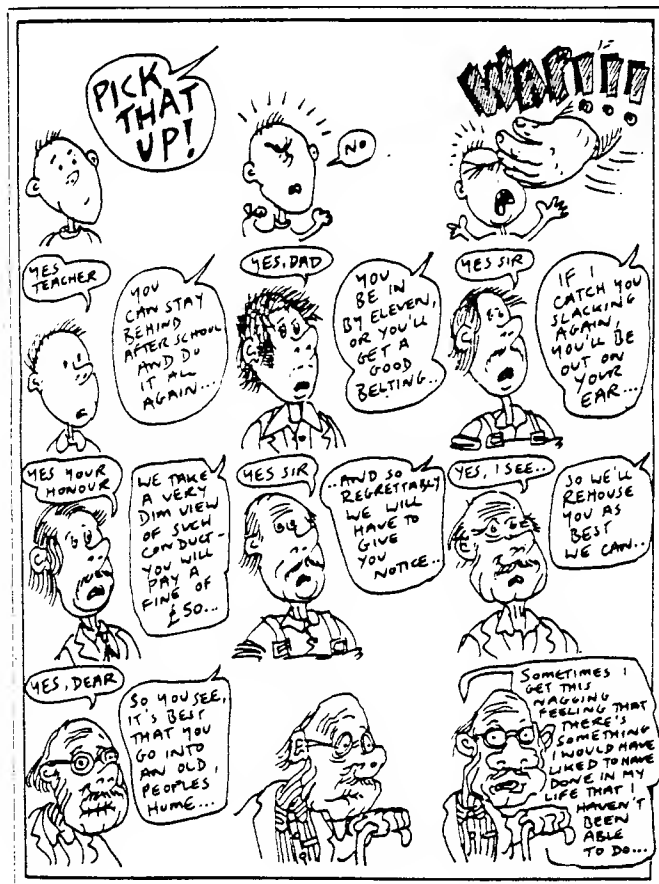




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Capitalism prevents us from nourishing ourselves. It forces us to rely on the paternalistic whims of multinational capital -- whims dictated by profit and greed. State nationalization, as in the USSR, is not the answer either; it merely shoves oppression into one basket of capital and the state. State Socialism (USSR), Representative Capitalism (USA), and State Capitalism (Third Reich) are just different configurations of capital and bureaucracy. They all oppress. They all exploit. Both capital and the state must be smashed for us to be free to produce for ourselves for need and not for greed.

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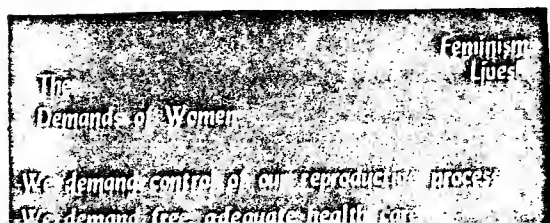
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These conditions can be changed and the interests of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever there is a strike or a lockout in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

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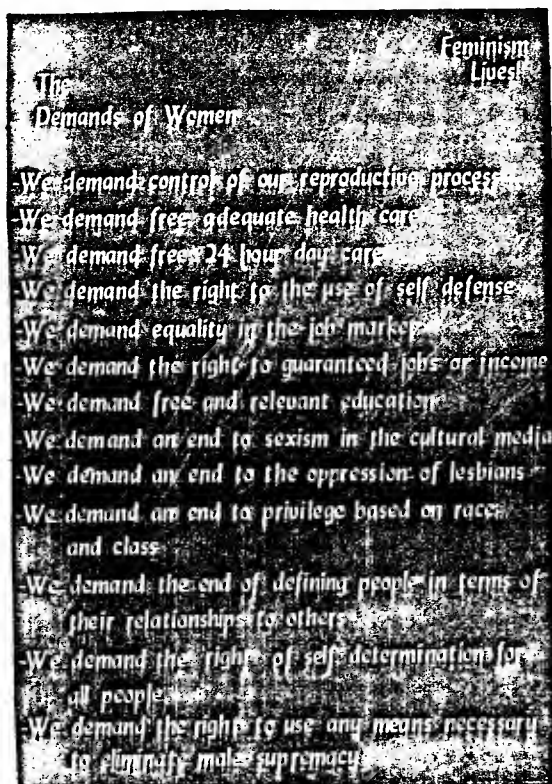
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## INTERNATIONAL

### AUSTRALIA

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
Research and Resources Centre for Libertarian Politics and Alternative Life-Styles, 7/355 Northmore Ave, Lyneham, ACT 2602.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**  
Sydney Anarcho-Syndicalists, Jura Books Collective, 417 King St, Newtown, NSW 2042.

**QUEENSLAND**  
Libertarian Socialist Organisation, PO Box 268, Mount Gravatt, Central 4122.  
Self-Management Organisation, PO Box 332, North Quay.

**VICTORIA**  
La Trobe Libertarian Socialists, c/o SRG, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic 3083.  
Monash Anarchist Society, c/o Monash University, Clayton, 3168 Melbourne.  
Libertarian Workers for a Self Managed Society, PO Box 20, Parkville 3052.  
Treason, Box 37, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057.  
Chummy Fleming Bookshop, 26 Regent Arcade, 210 Toorak Rd, South Yarra (Libertarian Workers shop)

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
Freedom Collective, PO Box 14, Mount Hawthorn 6016.  
Libertarian Resource Centre, PO Box 203, Fremantle 6160.

**TASMANIA**  
c/o 34 Kennedy St, Launceston 7250

### NEW ZEALAND

PO Box 2042, Auckland.  
PO Box 22, 607 Christchurch.  
Daybreak Bookshop, PO Box 5424, Dunedin

### CANADA

Open Road, Box 6135, Station G Vancouver BC  
Wintergreen/AR, PO Box 1294, Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 4G8.  
Black Cat Press, PO Box 11261, Edmonton, Alberta.

### USA

**ARIZONA**  
'Misicious Hooligans (anti-nuclear)' 1110 W 2nd St, Tempe, AZ 85281

**CALIFORNIA**  
Autonomia, PO Box 1751, San Francisco, CA 94101  
Libertarian Anarchist Coffeehouse, meets last Sunday each month at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, San Francisco.

**MISSOURI**  
Columbia Anarchist League, PO Box 380, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

**MINNESOTA**  
Soil of Liberty, Box 7056 Powderhorn Station, Minneapolis, Minn 55407.

**OREGON**  
Portland Anarchist Centre, 313 East Burnside, Portland, Oregon 97205, USA.

### WESTERN EUROPE

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**  
Schwarzer Gockler (Black Cock-ere!), c/o A Muller, Postfach 4528, 7500 Karlsruhe.  
Graswurzel (Grass roots) c/o W Hertle, Grozerschippsee 28, 21 Hamburg 90.  
Schwarzer Faden (Black Thread) Obere Wiebermarktstr 3, 741 Reutlinge Libertad Verlag, 68r Schmuck, Postfach 153, 1000 Berlin 44.

**AUSTRIA**  
Liberte, Postfach 86, 1033 Wien.  
Monte Verita, Neustiftgasse 33, 1070 Wien.

**FRANCE**  
Federation anarchiste francaise, 3 Ternaux, 75011, Paris (Groups throughout France).  
Union Anarchiste, 9 rue de l'Ange, 63000 Clermont Ferrand.

**ITALY**  
Autogestione, Casella Postale 17127, I-20100 Milano.  
Gruppo Hem Day, Giovanni Trapani, CP6130, Roma-Prati.

**BELGIUM**  
Revolutionair Anarchisties Kollektief (RAK), Oudborg 47, 9000 Gent.

**HOLLAND**  
De Vrije, Postbus 6103, Groningen.  
Anarchistiese Boekhandel Slagerzicht (Anarchist Bookshop), Folk-ingestraat 10, Groningen

**DENMARK**  
Aarhus Regnbuen Anarkist Bogcafe, Mejlgaade 48, 8000 Aarhus.  
Rainbow Anarchists of the Free City of Christiana, c/o Allan Anarchos, Tinghuset, Fristaden Christiana, 1407 Copenhagen.  
Anarkistisk Bogcafe, Rosenborggade 12, 1130 Kobenhavn K.  
Tel (01) - 12 26 82.

**NORWAY**  
ANORG, Hoxtvadtv, 318, 1431 As. (Publish 'Folkeblad' 4 times a year.)

**SWEDEN**  
Syndikalist Forum, Tensternas Gata 51, 11631-Stockholm.  
Syndikalistiskt Forum (anarcho-synd bookshop), Husagatans 5, 41302 Gothenburg (tel 031 132504).

**FINLAND**  
Anarkistiryhma, c/o Terttu Pesonen, Neljas Linja 14 O 83, 00530 Helsinki 53.

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Wapping Wall  
London E1  
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At The New Inn, Moseley Road, Birmingham.

## DESIRES

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